

**New Shoreham Town Council-Town Manager Work Session**  
**Wednesday, January 6, 2010**  
**Town Hall, Old Town Road, Block Island**  
**4:00 p.m.**

**Present:** First Warden Kimberley H. Gaffett, Second Warden Raymond J. Torrey, Town Councilor Peter B. Baute, Town Councilor Kenneth C. Lacoste, Town Councilor Richard P. Martin and Town Manager Nancy O. Dodge. Town Clerk Fiona Fitzpatrick was present to take the minutes of the meeting.

Ms. Dodge reported Town Attorney Kathy Merrolla said oral arguments were heard today at the PUC on BIPCo's one-cent surcharge, judgment was reserved. A decision will be rendered in open session.

A Town Council resolution is required to change the Town's application for stimulus funding to add resurfacing Chapel Street to the Old Town Road project. Ms. Dodge and Engineer Jim Geremia suggest three phases.

Old Harbor Dock renovation has started, they are running into difficulties driving the sheet piling because they have encountered a layer of buried wood. It is more difficult to drive sheet piling through timber than rock (rock will crush, but timber is too resilient).

The Block Island School has a completed Certificate of Occupancy.

The League of Cities and Towns dinner is February 4, 2010. The potential statewide mandated 25% employee copay for health insurance for contracts after Jan. 1, 2010 will be discussed.

The Police contract is up this year. Dr. Baute volunteered to be the Council representative for contract negotiations.

The Town will be purchasing a snowblower. It is imperative to clear sidewalks from the School down High Street, and Water Street and Dodge Street to Bridge Gate Square. There was a discussion of citing absent private property owners for snow removal ordinance violations, it is probably not practical. Discussion of clearing municipal sidewalks, driveways and parking areas.

The Water Resources Board gave approval for the Water Company to purchase two parcels of land.

There was a report on derelict boats. Four boats are currently on the beach due to recent storm activity.

An email was distributed by Mr. Torrey with an update from Washington County Regional Planning Board's grant and ESCO activity.

Paul Roberti has said informally that the PUC will have another hearing on Block Island. The Manager will send a thank-you letter for coming, and ask that they come again to discuss issues of importance to residents.

An appeal was received from the abutters of the new PU Zoning district.

At 5:45, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Martin and seconded by Dr. Baute.

Minutes approved January 20, 2010

Fiona Fitzpatrick  
Town Clerk